

Education Connections

Bridging the Generational Divide

Sometimes reaching students means meeting them where they are. Today's students are accustomed to a multi-media world so educators are continually finding new ways to reflect that fact in their teaching. In December, Tennessee's school technology leaders met in Nashville to study the latest technological developments and how they can be used to enhance student learning.

Concurrently, the Tennessee Department of Education launched its Electronic Learning Center on Apple Inc.'s iTunes U site Dec. 9. The ELC allows teachers to access valuable professional development sessions and students to complete extended learning opportunities, all virtually and at their own convenience. Parents may also use the curriculum-based audio and video tracks to reinforce their child's learning at home.

The venture is possible due to collaboration between the department, the Tennessee Board of Regents and Apple, Inc. More than 280 curriculum-based podcasts and educational resources are available now, with more being added on an ongoing basis. The initiative recognizes that learning is not bound by time in the classroom and gives students, educators and parents the flexibility to tap into learning anytime, anywhere.



Dr. Tom Burnett of Apple, Inc. demonstrates the portability of Tennessee's new Electronic Learning Center at iTunes U.

Looking Back



Moving Forward

TN Announces \$14M in School Health Grants

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TN Awards \$12.3M for Afterschool Programs

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Schools Awarded Grants for Outdoor Classrooms

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Rutherford Educator Receives \$25,000 Surprise

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TN Releases 2008 Report Card on Schools

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TN Receives Verizon Foundation Grant for Online Resources

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Tennessee General Assembly convenes
Jan. 13

Music Workshop for K-8 Teachers
at MTSU - Jan. 17

School Counseling Conference at Murfreesboro Convention Center
Feb. 8-10

Special Education Annual Conference
Nashville Airport Marriott
Feb. 25-27